

**Ethics Committee**

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16, 2015

Place: PCA Library

Attendees: Judge Michael F. Magistrali, Judge Philip Wright, Judge John McGrath, Judge Walter Clebowicz, Probate Administrator Paul Knierim

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the February 22, 2015 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the effect of P.A. 15-217, §§9-14 on the revised code, which amended General Statutes §§45a-62 through 45a-65 giving the Council on Probate Judicial Conduct jurisdiction over complaints against probate magistrates, attorney probate referees, and judicial candidates. After review of each Canon and rule and much discussion, it was decided that the following provisions should be made applicable to probate judge magistrates and attorney referees:

- a. All of Canon 1;
- b. Rules 2.1 through 2.12 and 2.14 through 2.16;
- c. Rules 3.1(c) through (e), 3.5, 3.6, 3.11, 3.13(a) and (b).

It was further determined that there was no need to amend the “Application” section since it provides that probate magistrates and attorney probate referees are bound by oaths of office that reference specific provisions of the Code. Probate Administration is responsible for drafting the oaths and will include the rules noted above in the respective oaths applicable to each position.

It was agreed that Judge Magistrali would complete a comparison of the former code with the proposed revised code to send to all judges to assist in their review of the revised code.

It was agreed that the proposed revised code should be presented to the Assembly for approval at its January 2016 meeting, with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2016.

No date was set for another meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Magistrali